

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, September 30, 1728.

From the London Evening Post, Sept. 21.

Hague, Sept. 21.

AT Length we begin to flatter ourselves with the approach of Peace; and that sooner than was expected at the first opening the Congress of Soissons: But this will not be certainly known, till the first General Conference, to reduce into Order all that has been transacting in the private Conferences at Fontainebleau. This much however may be depended upon, that the Cardinal de Fleury, old as he is, takes a great deal of Pains to compass his Ends, and is indefatigable in his Labours to surmount the Difficulties which are too often thrown in his Way; especially on the Part of the Spanish Plenipotentiaries, who frequently oppose the Cardinals Measures, till brought over by Count Sinsendorf, who in this Respect has been of singular Service to his Eminency. Not a little depends, after all, upon the Emperor's last Resolution concerning what has been already transacted; which is expected upon the Return of the Express who was charged to carry those Dispatches to Gratz.

Hanover, Sept. 24. Prince George of Hesse-Cassel set out Yesterday for Berlin, from whence he will go to Stockholm to see his Brother the King of Sweden. Prince William will return to Morrow to Cassel; his Royal Highness Prince Frederick has spared for nothing to give those Princes all manner of Diversion.

London, Sept. 21. We hear the following Knights of the Garter will make their Offerings at Windsor, when his Majesty assumes his Stall as Sovereign of the Order; the Duke of Devonshire, Duke of Dorset, Duke of Grafton, Duke of Bolton, Duke of Montague, Duke of Newcastle, Earl of Berkley, Lord Viscount Townshend, and the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole.

From the Country Journal, Sept. 21.

We have not yet received any fresh Advices from Soissons, nor is there any material Intelligence from these Parts.

Their Majesties are so well pleased with Windsor, that several Improvements and Alterations are ordered to be made against the next Year.

From the Post Boy Sept. 21.

Hague, Sept. 21. Though our publick News Papers assert, that some Prussian Troops are marching through the Datchy of Cleves, the Letters from Berlin do not confirm the same; only say, they are ordered to be ready to march upon the first Notice, which is not altogether the same thing.

Vienna, Sept. 11. The Emperor having resolved to enlarge his Archdatchy of Austria, by dismembering a part of Hungary, and annexing it to the former, Deputies were in consequence nominated, both on the Part of Hungary and on that of Austria, to settle the Bounds according to this Novel Plan; but in the Meetings these Deputies have hitherto had, they could by no means agree.

From the Evening Post, Sept. 21.

Rome, Sept. 4. The Pope has received a Letter from the King of Portugal's Father Confessor, which tells him, That his Majesty is incensed to the last Degree, and that 'tis much to be feared he will proceed to an Extremity that will be disagreeable to this Court; whereupon his Holiness has sent a Letter to the Cardinal de la Motta in Portugal, to engage him to mollify the King's Relentment, and to mediate an Accommodation with the Holy See. This City is in a very great Consternation at the Departure of all the Portuguese, who laid out a great deal of Money here; but 'tis hoped that Cardinal Spinola, who is going to Lisbon in Quality of Legate a Latere, will restore the good Understanding between the two Courts.

Schaffhausen, Sept. 19. Letters from Italy say, that Cardinal Albetoni having disposed the Court of Parma to receive Don Carlos Infant of Spain, this Prince is expected there shortly.

Copenhagen, Sept. 21. The chief Merchants in Norway have laid before the King a Proposal, whereupon

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they offer to take among themselves the Farming of the Customs, in the same Manner as is now practised in Sweden, and pay to his Majesty the like Sum for the same as the Farmers do; on Condition, That in every Town, Village or Port, where any Commerce is carried on, the Duties on Goods be levied by the Company of Merchants, and the Money deposited every Quarter in the King's Coffers, an Account of which shall be taken every Year, and a Dividend made of either Profit or Loss: Moreover, That no Foreign Ships shall import into Norway, any other Wares than of the Product and Manufactures of their own Country; besides which, all possible Endeavours will be used, for importing in their own National Ships, such Commodities as are wanted in Norway.

Cadiz, Sept. 1. The Government has given Leave for sending, without any Molestation, all such printed Calicoses and Linens as are on board the Ships lately arrived here. Also, the Proposal of levying a Duty of 25 per Cent. on all Woolen Goods, has been rejected: So that all Things continue as formerly.

Brussels, Sept. 27. Last Night died here, in the 64th Year of his Age, Mr. Ernest Pesters, Resident of Holland at this Court; whose Death is generally lamented on account of his good Qualities and Abilities.

Hague, Sept. 28. Here is Advice, That the Duke de Riperda found Means, by the Assistance of a Servant-maid, to escape out of the Castle of Segovia, and could not be overtaken, notwithstanding all the Diligence used for that Purpose. The Court of Madrid, who seem very uneasy about it, has notified his Escape to the British and other Ministers, with Request, That if he goes to any of the Dominions of the Princes their Masters, he may be secured.

Hamburg, Sept. 21. Letters from Moscow import, That Express was arrived there from Derbeat, but did not bring any Confirmation of Sultan Breef's having made any Proposals of Accommodation; on the contrary, he seem'd drawing together his Forces, with Design to attack the Russians. 'Tis written from Coningsberg, That Orders were come thither from the King of Prussia, to reinforce all the Posts on the Frontiers of Poland, &c. According to our Letters from Berlin,

two Deputies of the City of Thorn were arrived at that Place, to complain of the new Persecutions they suffered from the Polanders. And 'tis also assured, that the Magistrates had resolved to write on that Head to the K^r. of Great Britain, and to send two Deputies to the King of Poland, to lay their Grievances before his Majesty.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Sept. 11.

Dantzick, Sept. 13. The Regency of Coningsberg has received Orders from the King of Prussia, to reinforce all the Posts on the Borders of Poland, and to send thither as much Cavalry as possible.

Vienna, Sept. 15. Prince Eugene of Savoy and C. de Sconburn, Vice-Chancellor of the Empire, are set out for Gratz, whither the other Ministers of the Emperor will repair shortly.

Hanover, Sept. 21. Orders have been given to the Officers of all the Troops to repair to their Posts. Some Regiments of Foot and 3 of Horse, are to keep in Readiness for marching at an Hour's warning.

From the Whitehall Evening Post Sept. 21.

Hague, Sept. 21. The King of Poland's Indispousition appears, by our Advices from Dresden, to have been of the politick Sort, to justify his Delays in repairing to his Kingdom, and convening the States thereof in a general Dyer. Meanwhile there are private Letters from Warsaw that say, That the Partizans of King Stanislaus are pleased with King Augustus's Absence, from whatsoe'er Cause derived; because it opens to them a fair Field, and affords them an Opportunity to continue their Cabals, and form their Party with greater Strength and Safety.

Madrid, Sept. 7. The Court continues still in this City, and there is no Talk of its going to St. Ildefonso. The Ambassadors of the Emperor and the Most Christian King have had divers Audiences of the Queen, on the Dispatches they have received concerning the Affairs of the Congress: Their Excellencies, as also Mr. Keene Minister of Great Britain, have had also on that Subject several Conferences with the Marquis De la Paz and some other of his Majesty's Ministers.

London, Sept. 21. The charitable Corporation has by Licence of his Majesty, added to their Stock

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200,000 l. more; so that their whole Capital is now 300,000 l.

From the Flying Post, Sept. 21.

Dublin, Sept. 14. Miss's Journal of the 24th August is resented here to the highest Degree, being reckoned the most flagitious Absurdity that ever was known.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Sept. 24.

MRS. Smith the Mercury Woman, being very ill of the Gout, remains in the Messenger's House; but when recovered, will be committed to Newgate, where are 12 or 14 News-sellers confined in that Goal; and their Commitments run, for printing, publishing and dispersing Pamphlets that are treasonable, scandalous, seditious, &c. But the Commitment of Fairly, Printer of the Exeter Journal, we hear runs, for High Treason; and 'tis said of him he was very pert before Mr. Secretary de la Fay, and that he took Snuff with an air, and would answer no Questions, neither would Mr. Knoll, Miss's Composer answer any Questions. Mrs. Nutt, one of the Mercuries, whom we mentioned in our last to be committed to Newgate, we are told, has offered 2 or 3000 L. Bail, but rejected.

'Tis talked that the Duke of Wharton and the rest of his Clan, have thought fit to retire out of the Dominions of France.

The Escape of the Duke de Riperda from the Castle of Segovia, was made three Days before it was known; but as soon as the Court of Madrid had notice of it, foreign Ministers were desired to write to their respective Courts, to have him seized and delivered up to his Catholick Majesty.

Some Advices from Paris by the Holland Mail, relate, That the Answer of his Catholick Majesty to the proposed Project of a Truce, was come to Fountainebleau; and that it was reported he was not disposed to accept of the said Project. But other Advices assure, That an Expedient is found out for the better alleviating all Differences between the Powers concerned in the Congress; and that all other Matters will be brought to a happy Conclusion.

'Tis said their Majesties will keep their Corona-

tion-day at Windsor; from whence the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Walpole came to Town this Day.

Gartan Orme, Esq; stands Candidate for a Member of Parliament for the Burgh of Midhurst in Sussex, in room of the L. Viscount Middleton deceas'd.

Since the Commitment of William Hall to Newgate for forging Notes, &c. to a very high Value, a certain Clergyman has been taken up, and is confined in the Poultry Compter, in order to be examined touching the Affair.

Since our last we hear of several Highway and Street Robberies, and also of several Robberies of Shops; the latter after a very uncommon Manner, by boring and cutting Holes in the Window-shutters, by which Means they got in and ransack'd the said Shops: Several Instances whereof have happened in Whitechapel; and even the Door of a House was furred in the same Manner, by cutting a Hole in it, so as the Rogues put their Hands in and unlock and unbolt it.

The Clergyman above-mentioned, whose Name is Kinnesly, and is Minister of the Chapel in the Little Minories, was this Day strictly examined by Sir Richard Hopkins, being suspected to be concerned in the Forgeries of William Hall, and afterwards remanded to the Compter. He was formerly Prisoner in the King's Bench, upon an Affair relating to the late Earl of Sunderland.

We are informed, that the Duchess of Marlborough is going to erect four Marble Pillars at Blenheim house, on which are to be pourtray'd the Battles and Sieges of that renown'd General her Husband.

The Lady of his Excellency Horace Walpole, Esq; landed Yesterday Morning at Dover from France, and proceeded directly for London.

Some Advices give such Accounts of Affairs abroad, as leave no Room to doubt of a Truce being speedily agree'd to. S. S. Stock is risen to 104, and the rest in Proportion.

Miss's Journal of the 24th past having been published in the Streets of Bristol, the Grand Jury of the said City have presented it, as a most infamous, seditious and treasonable Libel; and earnestly desire that the Authors and Publishers thereof may be brought to condign Punishment!

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*From the London Evening Post, Sept. 24.
Hague, October 1. Extract of a Letter from Paris,
dated September 24.*

'Tis said the Plenipotentiary Ambassadors who are at Fountainbleau, wait only for the Answer of their Courts concerning the projected Truce, before they return to Soillons, all except the Duke de Bouronville, who is going to Madrid. From whence we have received Advice by Express, That the Duke of Riperda had made his Escape from the Castle of Segovia, three Days before his evasione was discovered, and that they could not find which way he was gone.

Soillons, Sept. 26. Some of Count Sinzendorf's Domesticks being arrived here, 'tis thought his Excellency will soon follow. Baron Sparré is come to Town, from his Country House, and has taken that which was Baron Peutenrieder's. On Thursday last arrived by Water the rest of Mr. Hurgronic's Domesticks and Baggage.

Berlin, Sept. 23. The King having received the 18th Instant a Courier from the Hague, set out the very same Day for Potsdam, where his Majesty held an extraordinary Council of War, at which the Prince of Anhalt Dessau assisted: After which Orders were sent to eight Battalions of Foot and two Regiments of Horse, to follow the other Troops that are already in March towards the Rhine.

From the Evening Post, Sept. 24.

Bologna, Sept. 11. The Chevalier de St. George will shortly go into Mourning on account of the Death of the King of Sardinia.

Paris, Sept. 24. We hear an Express being arrived at Fountainbleau from Madrid, imparted to the severall Plenipotentiaries the Contents of the Dispatches he brought, and also that the Duke de Bouronville, first Plenipotentiary of Spain, was thereupon to set out the next Day for Madrid, from whence People infer, That the Scheme of a Truce is no Way acceptable to the King of Spain.

Petersburg, Sept. 4. This Summer 5 Men of War have been removed from this Place to Cronslot, one of which is the Great Admiral, which carries 110 Guns, being 180 Foot long upon Deck, 49 Foot 4 Inches broad, 21 Foot 9 Inches in the Hold, and the Keel 150 Foot long, English Measure. This Ship was, by means of Camels, carried over Sand, being heaved up 10 Foot behind and 8 Foot 2 Inches before; the like of which was never seen here before, nor perhaps any where else.

D I N B O R G H: Printed for Mr. William Rolland, by Mr. Thomas Ruddiman. Sold at the Printing-house; and at Mr. Alex. Symmers's Shop in the Parliament-Glose. At both which Places, Advertisements and Subscriptions are taken in.

London, Sept. 24. The Earl of Stair is going to settle at his Seat in Scotland.

Aberdeen, Sept. 5. This Day came on the Election of the Magistrates and Council of this Burgh, and the following Persons were chosen, viz. William Cruickshanks, Provost; James Moorison, William Smith, William Chalmers, John Gordon, Baillies; Alexander Forbes, Dean of Gild; George Forbes, Treasurer; William Troop, Master of Kirk and Bridgeworks; John Fraser junior, Master of Mortifications; Peter Cuthrie, Master of Hospital; Thomas Glennie, Master of Shoarmark; George Fordice late Provost, Patrick Gellie late Baillie, Alexander Gordon of Lesmore Merchant, John Gall Merchant, William Gordon junior Merchant, Alexander Thomson Shipmaster, Counsellors; Robert Joynor Taylor, William Davidson Weaver, Trades Counsellors. The above Persons are all well affected to the present Government both in Church and State.

Edinburgh, Sept. 30. Friday last her Grace the Dutchess Dowager of Gordon arrived here from Stobhall.

On Saturday Lt. General Wade came to Town, and this Day his Excellency reviews General Wetham's Regiment.

The same Day Charles Mitchel of Pittiedie, having gone out on Horseback to take the Air, on his Return at Night fell from his Horse, and was Yesterday Morning found dead near Niddry.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

* * * That the several Tenements and other heritable Subjecks lying in Stirling, sometime pertaining to Michael Downie Merchant there, and disposed by him to James Paterson Writer, also there, in Name and for the Behoof of his Creditors, conform to the Concert entered into and subscribed by saids Creditors; are to be exposed to Sale by publick Roup upon Tuesday the 5th of November next, in the House of George Henderson Vintner, in Stirling, 'twixt the Hours of 10 before Noon and 4 after Noon. The Conditions of Roup and Progress of Writs to be seen in the Hands of said James Paterson, or Thomas Christie Writer in Stirling. Such of the said Michael's Creditors who have not subscriberd the Concert, are hereby desir'd to do the same, and lodge the Instructions of their Debts in the Hands of said James Paterson or Thomas Christie, upon or betwixt the said Day, to the effect the same may be known; otherwise, the Sale will be proceeded in, without any Regard to such as do stand out.

* * * That there is to be set for half a Year or a whole Year, a large convenient Lodging in the Canongate, ready furnished, at or before the first of November next. Enquire at John Yetts Merchant in Edinburgh, at his Shop in Smith's Land,